

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

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DECISION

**TOPIC 28E Agreement for Partnering with Washington County to develop Trail
Plan which will involve Lake Darling State Park**

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to enter into a 28E Agreement for Partnering with Washington County to develop Trail Plan which will involve Lake Darling State Park. Washington County Conservation Board is engaged in developing a county wide trail plan. A portion of the trail plan will involve Lake Darling State Park. It is the intent to connect the state park with some of the local communities within the county. This 28E agreement is between the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Washington County Conservation Board (WCCB). The WCCB is responsible for securing a grant from the Riverside Casino to help fund the cost of a Consultant to design and present a county wide trail plan to the County Board of Supervisors. The goal is for the County Board of Supervisors to accept this plan which will allow the Conservation Board and a local interest group to pursue funding to complete portions or phases and eventually the entire plan. In order to obtain the Riverside Casino grant, some matching funds from local people and other government agencies within the county were needed. Due to the importance of connecting this Park to its neighboring communities, the DNR Parks Bureau is committing \$2000.00 toward cost-sharing this effort.

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